

Last Time This Century For Bay Area Biennial

How often do you have the opportunity to be in one place with 3,999 other Jews? The 1993 UAHC Biennial Convention, October 21-25, in San Francisco, will bring Reform Jews together from around the United States, Canada and other parts of the world. "Lifelong Learning: The Path to Informed Choices" is the theme of the 62nd General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the conference will address the very heart of the journey that is Reform Judaism—meaningful decisions based upon an ongoing and evolving understanding of the knowledge, essence and perspective that is the Jewish heritage and destiny.

Delegates to the Biennial will attend plenary sessions, workshops, study sessions with scholars-in-residence, Focus Forums, "The Shabbat Table," performance of the 200-voice volunteer Biennial Choir, seminars, meetings, and more. The benchmark of the Biennial is the address by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, who will present the UAHC agenda for the coming years.

Another way to experience the Biennial is as a volunteer. To date, over 450 people from Fresno to Sacramento have signed up to help with a variety of tasks—registration, greeting, providing tour information, ushering, staffing the message center, preparing welcome kits. Additional volunteers are needed to ensure that this convention is a success.

Volunteers who have assignments during the conference will be able to attend all the workshops and other sessions on the day they are working. For information about volunteering, call Robin Leonard or Allyce Kimmerling.

The last time the Biennial was in the Bay Area was in 1977, so this is a unique opportunity for us in Northern California to become involved and show our commitment to advancing the purposes of Reform Judaism in the United States.

Raise Funds for New Program Coordinator and Honor Allan Gold

Watch your mailbox for an invitation to a very special celebration on Sunday, November 14, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We plan to schmooze and savor delicious food, expertly prepared by CSZ member and chef Mark Taubman-Walker, along with a crew of CSZ volunteers. Musical entertainment will be provided by CSZ member Randy Weiss and members of the quartet that performs every month at the CSZ Kaiser brunches.

This special event, in addition to offering members and friends a fun way to spend an afternoon, serves two important purposes. First, we hope to raise \$2,500 towards funding our brand-new Program Coordinator position. This much-needed position was included in our 1993-94 budget, with the understanding that the Va'ad would hold a fundraiser to raise the additional \$2,500 not covered by other revenue sources. The creation of a Program Coordinator position is an exciting step forward for

our Congregation as it will enable us to offer many more programs and services to our members.

Second, this celebration will offer us all an opportunity to say a much-deserved "thank you" to Allan Gold for his dynamic leadership as president of CSZ for the past two years. Allan was the first president to serve a two-year term under our new governance structure. He did so with wisdom and grace, keeping our Congregation strong and vital as a role model among our sibling and local congregations. This celebration, and the resulting Program Coordinator position, are a wonderful tribute to Allan for his untiring efforts on behalf of the synagogue. We hope all of you will consider contributing \$50 to attend this event in order to honor Allan Gold and to help fund the addition of a Program Coordinator to our synagogue staff.

—Judy Schwartz



Sharma Gaponoff, Ellie Cohen, Dev Noily, Marion Trentman—Shofar blowers extraordinaire! PHOTO BY MICHAEL BETTINGER

President's Report

A High Holidays Perspective on Taking One's Marbles and Going Home

The High Holiday season has just concluded: the season of repentance—a time to think back on the things we have done, or not done, over the last year, and what we would like to do better or differently next time. It is also a time for forgiveness, when we are asked to forgive those who have done hurtful things to us. When your best friend came to you just before Yom Kippur (no time like the last minute) to say, "Listen, I'm sorry I've been making nasty cracks about your boyfriend. I was just trying to be funny, but I know it hurts your feelings. He's pretty nice, really," although you probably felt a surge of, "You better be sorry! I don't see you hanging around with Mr. Right," you nonetheless found it in your heart to say, "Thanks. I appreciate your apology. I'll try to have a better sense of humor about it." (You did say that, didn't you?)



Tiela Chalmers

One of the hardest things to do in any relationship, I think, is to try to find forgiveness before that clear-the-air conversation ever happens. Have you ever come home to find the dishes your partner promised to wash growing new forms of penicillin in the sink? Or spent the day miserable in bed with a cold, while your partner or best friend puttered away happily downstairs, oblivious to your obvious need for chicken soup? And before you finally confronted your partner, you invested some serious time and energy into seething—you'd worked up a froth about your partner's outrageous, inconsiderate behavior, so unbelievable it could only have been purposeful. Indeed, you were so upset that when he came home (or finally came upstairs), you either exploded or surgically dissected him (whichever is your style) so quickly, you barely notice that he's trying to tell you that he had to take your favorite cat to the vet's emergency room, and so couldn't do the dishes, or that, in her family, people with colds really preferred to be left alone, so she

thought she was doing the considerate thing. Sometimes, you worked up such a head of steam that, although you eventually hear what your partner is saying, and manage to begrudgingly say, "Okay, I understand, sorry I snapped at you," you still feel mad and disgruntled (and might even light on something else, possibly more defensible, about which to complain). You've heard the apology, but you haven't yet really healed. I admit it: this is a real struggle for me, and the focus of much of my personal reflection and resolution each year at High Holidays.

Well, we're all human—we get hurt and angry sometimes. As president, I am in the unique position of hearing from people who are hurt and mad not just at me, but also at other synagogue leaders, and at the institution itself. People call and write me, very upset because a committee chair or officer or synagogue employee said something they found hurtful or offensive. Not infrequently, the upset person has taken the perceived slight very personally: "He knows this is a sensitive topic for me; how could he have said that?" or "I'm sure that com-

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Convention Bookstore Open to the Community

For the first time, the UAHC and the Association of Jewish Book Publishers are co-sponsoring a convention bookstore at the UAHC Biennial Convention, in conjunction with bob and bob Fine Jewish Gifts, Crafts and Books of Palo Alto. To date more than 30 publishing houses throughout the country have signed on, including the major Jewish publishers, commercial houses and university presses. The bookstore will be open throughout the Biennial (except for shabbat), October 21–25, at the San Francisco Hilton.

On Sunday afternoon, October 24, this bookstore will be open to the entire community. In addition to the many Jewish titles on display (and on sale), the AJBP is also producing a combined publisher's listing which visitors may take for future reference.

A Major Court Victory for the Reform Movement

The Association of Reform Zionists of America's (ARZA) Religious Action Center recently won a precedent-setting victory. The Jerusalem District Court ruled that a non-Jewish citizen or resident of Israel who undergoes Reform conversion to Judaism abroad must be recognized as Jewish upon returning to Israel.

Elsina Birach, a kibbutz volunteer from the Netherlands, married an Israeli in a civil ceremony in the Netherlands in 1988, thereby acquiring Israeli resident status. In 1990, the couple returned to the Netherlands with their baby—an Israeli citizen—where Elsin Birach studied Judaism.

In 1992, mother and daughter underwent Reform conversion in Amsterdam. But on their return to Israel, they were

when they return, but such recognition is withheld if the conversion takes place in Israel.

In the Reform Movement's latest effort to establish the principle of religious pluralism in Israel, ARZA's Religious Action Center in Jerusalem petitioned the High Court of Justice for an order recognizing Reform conversions conducted in Israel itself. If Reform conversions performed abroad are recognized, ARZA argued, why not those in Israel?

This test case was submitted in the name of Chava Goldstein, a Brazilian who has been living in Israel since April 1990. In September 1990, Ms. Goldstein began studying Judaism, and in October 1991, she was converted by a Reform

ARZA's latest successes are a direct result of the support provided by tens of thousands of ARZA members across the United States who have combined their energies to produce a powerful voice for religious freedom in Israel. Closer to home, it was ARZA, standing alone among Zionist organizations in the U.S., which organized a successful alternative salute to Israel in New York, when that city's gay/lesbian outreach synagogue, Beth Simchat Torah, was prohibited by parade organizers from participating in New York's May 1993 community-wide salute to Israel.

At the July Va'ad meeting, CSZ's board voted to join more than 230 Reform congregations in the U.S., including our sibling congregation in Los Angeles, Beth Chayim Chadashim, in becoming an ARZA membership "check-off" congregation. Membership in ARZA is open only to individuals, not to organizations. On your October dues statement, you will see a line marked "ARZA." We urge you to check it and send a \$25 tax-deductible check made payable to ARZA to the synagogue office for 1993-94 ARZA membership. Please note that membership in ARZA is voluntary and in no way should be viewed as meeting your financial commitment to the synagogue. If you are already an ARZA member, this will be a convenient opportunity to renew.

Your membership in ARZA will make you a partner in Reform Judaism's efforts to bring the Jewish and democratic values we cherish to the people and land of Israel. Please join us in this mitzvah.

—Ron Lezell



Mah jongg and hot tubbing go hand in hand at the Advance with Florence Nacamulli, Roz Fuerman, Frank Yellin, and Robin Leonard! PHOTO BY SHELLEY EISENMAN

forced to petition the Court to have the Interior Ministry designate their religion as Jewish. Until this petition was granted this summer, in response to a lawsuit filed by the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), Israeli authorities recognized Reform conversions conducted abroad for immigrants, but not for Israeli citizens or residents. Note that as a result of IRAC's previous initiatives and successes, Jews by Choice converted outside of Israel are entitled to Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return.

As it stands now, non-Jewish Israelis who travel abroad to undergo Reform conversion will be recognized as Jews

beit din in Tel Aviv. The Ministry of Interior refused to register her as a Jew, claiming that since her conversion was supervised by Reform rabbis, it was invalid.

The Goldstein case is currently being litigated. If the Reform Movement wins, ARZA will have won full legal recognition for Reform rabbis—at least in the realm of conversion. ARZA/IRAC will then proceed to open conversion classes throughout Israel. No doubt they will be instantly popular. If the Reform Movement loses, ARZA will regroup and submit another case, and another, until the principle of pluralism and equality is finally established.

Sunday October 17

Shtetl Exhibit Tour at the Judah L. Magnus Museum

Members and friends of CSZ are invited to meet in Berkeley at 11 am in the park across the street from the museum for a brown bag (bring your own) lunch/brunch. The tour is limited to the first 15 people who apply—first come first reserved. There will be a tzedakah fee of \$3 per person. Please state if you need transportation or if you can offer a ride. Call the office for information and reservations.

September Va'ad Report

The September 12 Va'ad meeting opened with a dual D'var Torah led by Rabbi Kahn. The rabbi began by discussing some of the conflict between our personal obligations and our obligations to the synagogue, and then carried this over into the conflict we encounter when we find that others have not met the standards and expectations that we have set for them. Above all, we must learn to forgive ourselves for falling short, and to forgive others for falling short. Then, in view of the historical day it had been, we recited a Shehecheyanu and an Oseh Shalom, which was probably the first time that Oseh Shalom was said at the start of a Va'ad meeting.

Our financial discussion with Treasurer Gary Sokol was quite upbeat in terms of pledges. Many pledges have been received, and our dues position is quite strong. The High Holiday revenue projections are right on target. However, pushke revenues are still down substantially from what had been budgeted.

The Membership Committee, represented by Carolyn Pines, was pleased to announce the addition of 13 new "units" into our CSZ family. Within this group are 18 adults and six children. Twenty members were dropped from the rolls due to resignation, death, or other reasons.

Next, Ed Pollock reported to the

Va'ad about the preliminary planning for the annual CSZ Chanukah Party. This year, the Chanukah Party will feature an extraordinary raffle prize ... details of which even your informative recorder has been forbidden to disclose! Following Ed's report, Mark Mackler, on behalf of the Allan Gold Fundraiser Event Committee, spoke with the Va'ad about the committee's plans and progress. The event will take place on Sunday, November 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Invitations to this event will be sent in mid-October to all members of the congregation. Please refer to the article about this upcoming event on the front page of this issue.

Rabbi Kahn's report touched on a variety of items. He pointed out the need for us to revitalize the Friends of CSZ. The Dues Committee works with very heavy responsibilities, and needs and deserves our support and encouragement, and the same holds true for all the volunteers who serve to make the High Holiday services as meaningful as they are. Kadimah has opened with 19 children. Rabbi Kahn has met with seven children who will take part in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. A Women's Bat Mitzvah is being organized for May 1994.

At the conclusion of the rabbi's report, Administrative Vice-President David Stein praised Rabbi Kahn for the dignified and thoughtful manner

in which he had concluded ceremonies for those who have become Jews by choice.

On a more mundane but extremely important topic, Ellen Gierson painstakingly discussed the current status of the synagogue's roof. Ellen carefully outlined for us the condition of the roof, the steps which would be involved in repairing it, and the various options we face in terms of warranties. The subject will be further discussed at the next Va'ad meeting.

Howard Herman, the congregation's representative to the Jewish Community Relations Council, read us the text of a proposed council statement regarding the current furor over immigration policies in California and the United States. The Va'ad approved the statement in its entirety.

The Va'ad recently received notification that the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights will be awarding grants for causes which fall within certain parameters. The Va'ad brainstormed certain ideas which might fit the bill, and will continue to do so over the next few weeks.

After having eaten all the mandelbroit which had been shipped in from sunny Florida just for the occasion, the Va'ad adjourned at 9:10 with a moderate singing of the Oseh Shalom.

No closed session followed.

—Mark Mackler, Recorder



Ivan Vincente: Our water ballet director.



Our leaders learn to take direction at the Advance. PHOTOS BY SHELLEY EISENMAN

Finding Yiddishkeit in Central America

I have been to services and seen synagogues in several European cities, so I am no longer surprised (but always pleased) to include these stops as part of my visits there. For my recent vacation of three weeks in Costa Rica and three weeks in Honduras, I had some wonderful serendipitous interactions with local Jewish communities.

In San Jose, Costa Rica, I was first tipped off to the existence of Congregation B'nai Israel in a tourist newspaper's listing of religious services. The shabbat services were the most like CSZ that I have attended outside of the United States: quite a feat, considering the trilingual nature of the evening. Also in San Jose, imagine my surprise as I noticed an office supplies store named Zahav. When I inquired within, a clerk told me that the

owner is from Israel.

Honduras gets far fewer tourists than Costa Rica. One of the first things I saw when I arrived at the outskirts of its capital, Tegucigalpa, was a ferretera (hardware store) named Shalom. I never made it back to that part of town, but I did stumble upon a like-named shoe store in downtown Tegucigalpa. When I entered and introduced myself to the owner, he told me about the weekly shabbat services of the Comunidad Hebrea de Tegucigalpa, held at the Hotel Alameda. The service was much more like those I have experienced in European synagogues: all Hebrew, speed reading, finished in twenty minutes, but I met a wonderful North American-Honduran family there.

—Jay Davidson

Library Notes

Some New Titles on Our Shelf

The Soncino Talmud. We now have the complete set. In the past, these volumes have been donated by members and each volume has a book plate noting the donor. There are still six volumes which may receive book plates from donors. Members are encouraged to donate \$28 per volume in order to have a book plate placed in memory of an individual or in celebration of an event. Contact the office or the librarian. Donations are to be made to the Library Fund.

Daughters of the King, Women and the Synagogue, Edited by Susan Grossman and Rivka Haut. This is an anthology on the subject of women and synagogue life. It has been described thus: "Both scholarly and highly readable, the essays included in this volume break new ground in describing the various and significant ways in which women have contributed to synagogue life from Biblical times through the present."

The New Jewish Wedding, Anita Diamant. This book has "everything you need to know to make your own Jewish wedding—tailored to your own special needs, since there is no such thing as a generic Jewish wedding."

Fighting Substance Abuse. This 22-minute video is put out by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, New York.

Many thanks to members who have contributed to the Library Fund and members who have contributed books. Non-fiction books are welcome donations, subject to Library Committee review.

—Edward Tanovitz, Librarian



Zahav in San Jose, Costa Rica. PHOTO BY JAY DAVIDSON



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Kadimah Kickoff

September 11 was the first meeting of Kadimah. We welcomed new members and were glad to see old friends. Our students are divided into classes according to age and grade.

The K/1 class, with Rebecca as teacher, still needs students. We encourage all the parents and friends of kindergartners not already in attendance to come join us. The 2/3 class, the Giborim, is being taught by Phyllis Mintzer. The teacher of the 4/5 class is Michael Latz. The B'nai Mitzvah class of sixth and seventh graders is taught by Rabbi Kahn.

Jonah, from the Giborim class, reports that he is looking forward to learning new things this year. The class which included all the younger students began by discussing Abraham's agreement with God. Jonah explained that God has a plan for the Jews and made a bargain with Abraham to "make his name great," "bless him," and "make every Jew his child." Jonah said that it was good to be back in Kadimah.

The classes discussed bargains that they have made and continue to make with their parents for rewards. Sample: getting dressed quickly in exchange for 25 cents. The entire class is very happy to welcome its new member Julia Becker.

The older students discussed their upcoming B'nai Mitzvah. Students and families worked with the rabbi and their tutors to set dates and Torah sections to be studied. Also discussed was the 13-step B'nai Mitzvah program to be completed by the students and their families over the next year. This first Kadimah B'nai Mitzvah group will be unique in its approach to becoming young adult members of the Jewish community.

We celebrated the new Kadimah year by eating apples and honey and ended the day by singing together.

Where can you go for sun in December?

The 1993 Chanukah Raffle might be the answer!

The Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce a sensational first prize.

Drawing will take place at the Chanukah Party, December 11.

You need not be present to win.

Watch the November *Gaily Forward* for all the details and your ticket to sunshine.



The Kadimah year began with a fun trip to a Giants game. PHOTO BY JUDITH COHEN

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President's Column

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mittee chair just doesn't want people like me on her committee, and she's organizing the committee purposely to make me feel left out."

Unfortunately, these calls and letters are sometimes punctuated by dramatic statements: "So I can see I'm no longer wanted here—I quit" or "If she stays, I'm out of here." Generally, when I call the person to talk it over, things calm down, and the misunderstandings or disagreements that provoked the whole scene are sorted out. But it's sometimes hard to really recover from such explosions. Even though everyone has said that they are sorry, there is that lingering feeling of hurt or anger, and it sometimes just resurfaces in another guise: "Okay, I accept her apology about that incident, but she did 15 other awful things; I'm just going to have to quit." The rift hasn't healed. Not infrequently, what the person is really upset about is something entirely different, perhaps in her personal life, but since I don't know what it is, it's hard to address.

Conflicts at the synagogue often have their beginnings in problems with expectations. It's sort of a compliment, really: we do so well, most of the time, that we come to expect the synagogue to function perfectly all of the time. In reality, though, we are just a collection of individuals, who sometimes make mistakes or misunderstand each other or get overwhelmed.

Not surprisingly, when this happens, we get disappointed; all the more so, when we are going through a particularly difficult time personally, and so our expectations and our disappointments are amplified.

In addition, many of us have a lot invested in Sha'ar Zahav: we are very dedicated to it, and give a lot of our time, energy and money to it. This, too, heightens our expectations, and makes disappointments or misunderstandings harder to deal with.

It's a new year, a time of renewal and return and, to borrow a phrase, we want you back. I want to ask you to consider this in the months to come: when you feel upset, or angry, or hurt at someone in the synagogue, or the board, or me, try to deal with it right away. Talk to the person involved, or if you need help or don't know who to talk to, call me. Try to get more information before you get swept

away by your strong feelings, and begin collecting your marbles to take them home. It might be that your worst fears are true, but it might not. In my experience, there is almost always another side to the story, and hearing it before you get too overwhelmed makes it easier to heal. We have a synagogue full of enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers, all of whom have very different styles and experiences, and an extremely hard-working staff. All of us deserve the benefit of the doubt. Let's try to give each other that benefit. L'shanah Tovah.

Looking Ahead

Holidays for the Year 5754

Simchat Torah, Thursday, October 7

Chanukah, Thursday, December 9–
Thursday, December 16

Purim, Friday, February 25

Pesach, Sunday, March 27–Sunday,
April 13

CSZ Seder, Sunday, March 27

Shavuot, Monday, May 16

Shabbat Freedom, Saturday, June 18

Note: All holidays begin on the evening before the date listed.

Xmas Already?

It's not too early to start making your December holiday plans. This Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav will once again prepare and deliver meals and gifts for Project Open Hand. In past years, this Bikkur Cholim Committee program has proven an extremely rewarding experience for all who participated. It's a wonderful way to be Jewish at Christmas, while performing a much-appreciated mitzvah.

Mark your calendars now and watch for the sign-up form to be included in next month's *Forward*. If you can help me coordinate this event, please call (255-9679.)

—Lane Schickler

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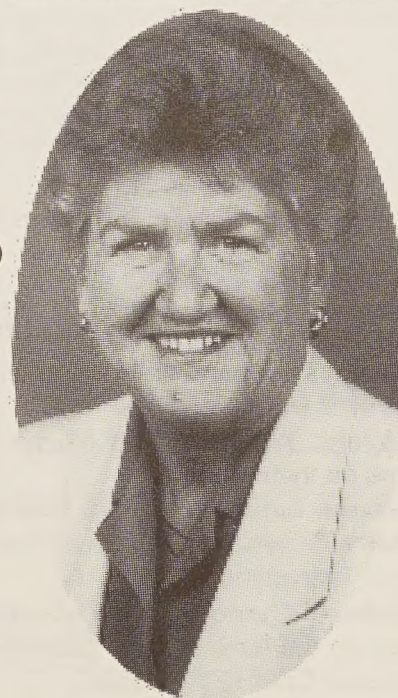
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Shirley Liberman

Havdalah, AIDS, and the High Sierras

I lead a support group for gay and bisexual Vietnam veterans living with HIV/AIDS as part of my psychiatric practice at the VA outpatient clinic in Oakland. Every month or so, I take the group to a friend's cabin at Pine Mountain Lake, near Yosemite National Park. Depending on the season, we hike, swim, whitewater raft, climb rocks or ski. If it rains, we just pop corn, talk by the fire or watch old Bette Davis movies on the VCR.

Most of these veterans live on limited incomes in the inner city. A cabin weekend gives them a chance to smell the pines and to see again the beauty of lakes and high meadows. Above all, it reminds them that though they live with the virus, they can still be physically active and have great fun doing it. If one or more can't get around so well, we take shorter hikes, climb smaller rocks or just drift in the boat awhile.

The reward for me is to watch the men come to life again, like flowers responding to water after days of ne-

glect. The problem—if it is one—is that we can only do it on weekends, which means over shabbat.

My shabbat includes blessings over the candles, wine and challah—and havdalah when it's over. So far, none of my veterans has been Jewish, and since this is an official VA outing, our activities should be non-sectarian in any case.

The first few times we went to the cabin, I simply didn't observe the shabbat rituals. I missed them, and the guys knew something was bothering me. When I told them what it was, they encouraged me to light the candles, and to sing the blessings over the bread and wine. They stood by respectfully, not participating. This was better, but it still didn't feel right.

The next time we went, I brought a spice box, kiddush cup and havdalah candle. At sundown on Saturday evening, we gathered on the deck overlooking the lake. I told them a bit about the history of the rituals, and what they

meant to Jews. I suggested that for all of us, the wine and the spices might symbolize the joys and sweetness in life, sweetness that could still be found even in the midst of an epidemic. The interwoven candles could remind us of our need to support each other in times of crisis, as we did in Vietnam.

That was nearly two years ago. Now, as an expected part of our "cabin min-hag," we light the candles, smell the spices and drink the wine. No, we don't sing the blessings exactly. But I've taught them the Debbie Friedman niggun for havdalah, and we hum it as we perform the rituals.

I'm not sure exactly what our havdalah means to these men, though clearly it means something. I've loved watching them explain it to group members who've come to the cabin for the first time.

For me, the meaning is clear: it's a small taste of what life will be like, after we find the cure.

—Mike Rankin



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To **Ayelet Waldman and Michael Chabon**, on their wedding.

To **Sharon Tannenbaum, Bill Hirsch and Matty Person**, on the birth of their son Jesse Tannenbaum.

To **Rebecca Gradolph and Deborah Godnor**, on the birth of their daughter Alana Sahar Gradolph-Godner.

To **Henry Carrey**, who is now performing with the Lamplighters and will bestarring in Gilbert and Sullivan's Gondoliers in October.

To **Ora Prochovnick**, for receiving the 1993 State Bar of California President's Pro Bono Award for District 4.

To **Jeff Forman**, on his new job as pastry chef at Pelio d'Asti Restaurant in the Financial District.

To **Carolyn Pines**, on her new job as marketing director of Enchante Publishing in Palo Alto.

We'd like to share your joyous moments with everyone. Please write, fax or phone in your naches or those of other members of the Congregation so we can include them here.

Brotherhood Events

This month's potluck for the Brotherhood will be held on October 10, at 6:00 pm at the home of Lane Schickler, 85 Duboce at Valencia, #102. Ivan Vincente is the contact person, 665-7448.

The Brotherhood is sponsoring a D'la'at (pumpkin) Dance at the Synagogue on October 23, at 8:00 pm. The whole congregation and community are invited to attend. Come enjoy Israeli folk dancing (taught by CSZ's famous Nathan Robinson and Ellen Goldstein) and have lots of fun. Admission will be \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

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Ruth Oppen, in memory of Dan Sela, uncle of Jody Reiss and brother of Ruth Oppen

Reminder

Women's Chavurah Hosts Filmmaker Saturday, October 16

The Women's Chavurah has invited San Francisco filmmaker Leslie Krongold to our first havdalah potluck of the fall. We'll meet at the home of Sarah Nathe and Susan Tubbesing, in Oakland, at 6:30 pm. After a brief havdalah service and potluck dinner, we'll view *Shekhi-nah*, a documentary, focusing on five women rabbis. Don't miss this very special evening.

Directions: Take Highway 13 to the Lincoln/Joaquin Miller exit. Go up the hill on Joaquin Miller to Butters, turn right on Butters and go to Brunell. Turn right on Brunell and go to 3433. Call Susan for more information: 510/482-3740. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a main dish; I-P, a dessert; Q-Z, a side dish. See you October 16.

David Weinstein, in honor of Ida Cooper, for the happiest of birthdays with many more to come

Sherie, Paul, and Coleman Rosenberg, in honor of Allan Gold's special birthday

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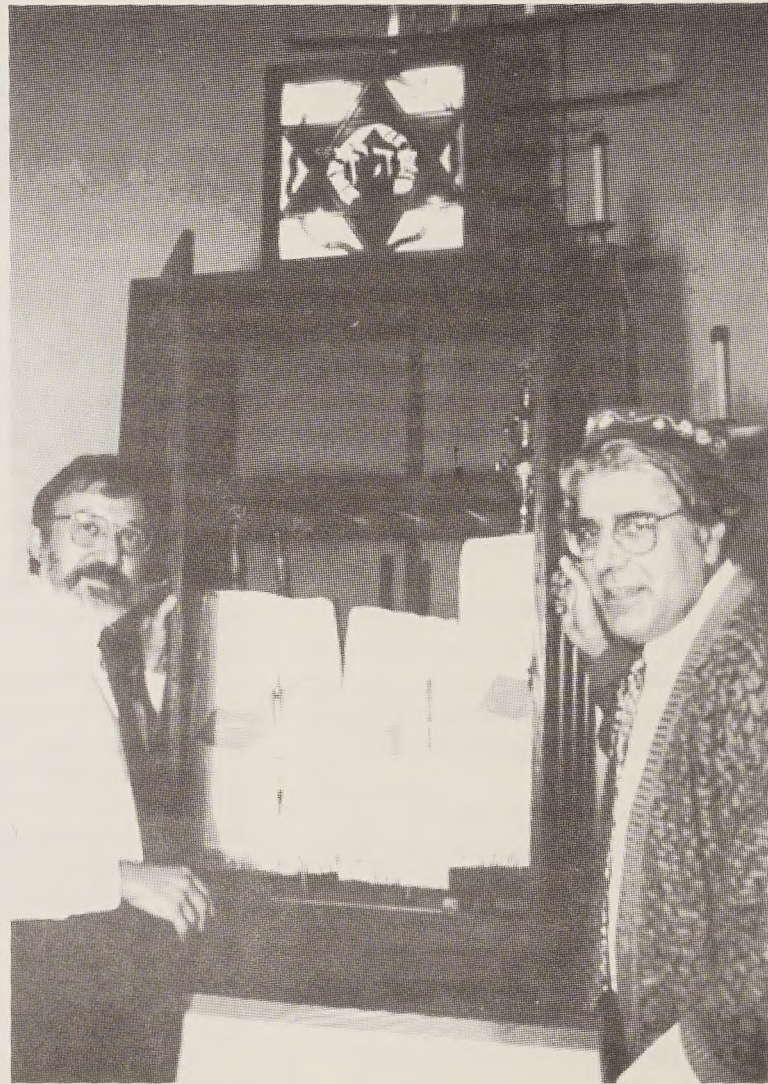
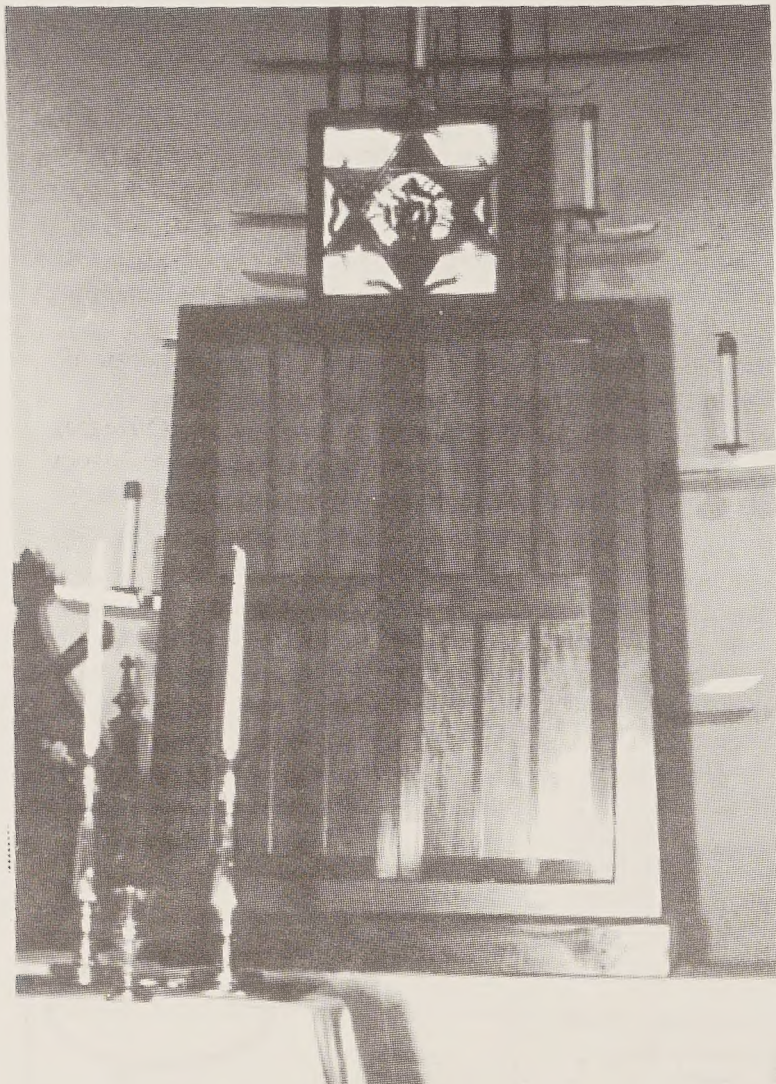
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7	Michael Zimmerman
8	Marc Cohen
9	David Bianco
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9/17	Ben Brody, commemorating the yahrzeit of his lover, Jason Lazzeri

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Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932.

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OCTOBER

1 Friday
16 Tishri
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Daniel Chesir and Nikki Bengal

2 Saturday
17 Tishri
• 10:30 am, Sukkot/Shabbat Service in Sukkah, 61 Ford St.

3 Sunday
18 Tishri
• 6:00 pm, Sukkot Service and potluck, 424 Central Ave.

4 Monday
19 Tishri
• 6:00 pm, Healing Service

5 Tuesday
20 Tishri

6 Wednesday
21 Tishri
• 7:15 pm, Simchat Torah Service

7 Thursday
22 Tishri
• 7:00 pm, Children's Education meeting

8 Friday
23 Tishri
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Rabbi Kahn and Lyssa Friedman

9 Saturday
24 Tishri
• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 10:30 am, Shabbat Service, Rabbi Kahn and Frank Yellin

10 Sunday
25 Tishri
• 6:00 pm, Brotherhood potluck, 85 Duboce #102

11 Monday
26 Tishri
• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

12 Tuesday
27 Tishri
• 7:15 pm, Intro to Hebrew
• 7:30 pm, Midrash (English)
• 8:30 pm, Intro to Judaism
• 8:30 pm, Midrash (Hebrew)

13 Wednesday
28 Tishri
• 7:00 pm, Newsletter editing

14 Thursday
29 Tishri
• 7:00 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting

15 Friday
30 Tishri
• 8:15 pm, East Bay Service
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Henry Mach

16 Saturday
1 Heshvan
• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 6:30 pm, Women's Chavurah Havdalah/potluck

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21 Thursday
6 Heshvan
• UAHC Biennial
• 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee meeting

22 Friday
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• UAHC Biennial
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Mark Taubman-Walker and Larry Wexler

23 Saturday
8 Heshvan
• UAHC Biennial
• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 8:00 pm, D'la'at (pumpkin) dance at CSZ

24 Sunday
9 Heshvan
• UAHC Biennial
• 10:00 am, Hebrew in One Day
• 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch

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14 Heshvan
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Rabbi Kahn, Tiela Chalmers, and Ora Prochovnick

30 Saturday
15 Heshvan
• 9:30 am, Kadimah

1 Sunday, November 1
16 Heshvan

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